

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-231 (Cancelled).

Claim 232 (Previously presented). A composition consisting of vitamins, minerals and excipients,

wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with the excipients,

wherein the vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and niacin, and the minerals consist of calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said Vitamin A comprises beta carotene,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in the amount of 1 mg, and

wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 233 (Previously presented). A composition consisting of vitamins, minerals and excipients, wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with the excipients,

wherein said vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, niacin, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and said minerals consist of calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in the amount of 1 mg

wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene,

wherein said Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> is thiamine mononitrate,

wherein said Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> is pyridoxine,  
wherein said niacin comprises niacinamide,  
wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide,  
wherein said zinc is zinc oxide,  
wherein said copper is chelated copper, and  
wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 234 (Previously presented). A composition consisting of vitamins, minerals and excipients, wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with the excipients, wherein said vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, niacin and said minerals consist of calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper, wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg, and wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 235 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene.

Claim 236 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin D is cholecalciferol.

Claim 237 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin C is ascorbic acid.

Claim 238 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> is thiamine mononitrate.

Claim 239 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>2</sub> is riboflavin.

Claim 240 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> is pyridoxine hydrochloride.

Claim 241 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> is cyanocobalamin.

Claim 242 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said niacin is niacinamide.

Claim 243 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide.

Claim 244 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said zinc is zinc oxide.

Claim 245 (New). A composition consisting of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, niacin, calcium, non-chelated iron, magnesium, zinc, copper and one or more pharmaceutical carriers.

Claim 246 (New). The composition of claim 245 wherein said composition consists of about 2430 IU to about 3970 IU Vitamin A, about 360 IU to about 440 IU Vitamin D, about 63 mg to about 77 mg Vitamin C, about 27 IU to about 33 IU Vitamin E, about 0.9 mg to about 1.1 mg folic acid, about 1.44 mg to about 1.76 mg Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, about 1.62 mg to about 1.98 mg Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, about 2.25 mg to about 2.75 mg Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, about 10.8 mcg to about 13.2 mcg Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, about 16.2 mg to about 19.8 mg niacin, about 90 mg to about 110 mg calcium, about 58.5 mg to about 71.5 mg non-chelated iron, about 22.5 mg to about 27.5 mg magnesium, about 22.5 mg to about 27.5 mg zinc, and about 1.8 mg to about 2.2 mg copper, and one or more pharmaceutical carriers.

Claim 247 (New). The composition of claim 245 wherein said composition consists of about 2700 IU Vitamin A, about 400 IU Vitamin D, about 70 mg Vitamin C, about 30 IU Vitamin E, about 1 mg folic acid, about 1.6 mg Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, about 1.8 mg Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, about 2.5 mg Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, about 12 mcg Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, about 18 mg niacin, about 100 mg calcium,

about 65 mg non-chelated iron, about 25 mg magnesium, about 25 mg zinc, about 2 mg copper, and one or more pharmaceutical carriers.

Claim 248 (New). A method consisting of administering to a patient a composition consisting of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, niacin, calcium, non-chelated iron, magnesium, zinc, copper and one or more pharmaceutical carriers.

Claim 249 (New). The method of claim 248 wherein said composition consists of about 2430 IU to about 3970 IU Vitamin A, about 360 IU to about 440 IU Vitamin D, about 63 mg to about 77 mg Vitamin C, about 27 IU to about 33 IU Vitamin E, about 0.9 mg to about 1.1 mg folic acid, about 1.44 mg to about 1.76 mg Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, about 1.62 mg to about 1.98 mg Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, about 2.25 mg to about 2.75 mg Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, about 10.8 mcg to about 13.2 meg Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, about 16.2 mg to about 19.8 mg niacin, about 90 mg to about 110 mg calcium, about 58.5 mg to about 71.5 mg non-chelated iron, about 22.5 mg to about 27.5 mg magnesium, about 22.5 mg to about 27.5 mg zinc, and about 1.8 mg to about 2.2 mg copper.

Claim 250 (New). The method of claim 248 wherein said composition consists of about 2700 IU Vitamin A, about 400 IU Vitamin D, about 70 mg Vitamin C, about 30 IU Vitamin E, about 1 mg folic acid, about 1.6 mg Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, about 1.8 mg Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, about 2.5 mg Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, about 12 mcg Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, about 18 mg niacin, about 100 mg calcium, about 65 mg non-chelated iron, about 25 mg magnesium, about 25 mg zinc, and about 2 mg copper.